

Application No. 10/763,062  
Amendment Dated June 29, 2005  
Reply to Final Office Action dated April 6, 2005

**Remarks**

Claims 1-7 are pending.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected.

Claims 4-7 are allowed.

Claim 4 is amended.

Claims 1-3 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 4-7 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Buse (U.S. Patent No. 4,545,585). Additionally, in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 4-7.

Applicants submit the following remarks in response.

Applicants begin by noting that claim 4, allowed by the Examiner and from which claims 5-7 depend, is a *dependent* claim, including a dependency to rejected independent claim 1. As such, Applicants have treated claims 4-7 as objected to for being dependent on a rejected independent claim, but otherwise allowable, rather than simply as allowed claims.

Regarding the rejection of claim 1 in view of the Buse reference, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's grounds for rejection. However, for the purposes of expediting the

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prosecution of this application, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 1-3 and amended the subject matter of independent claim 1 into allowable claim 4.

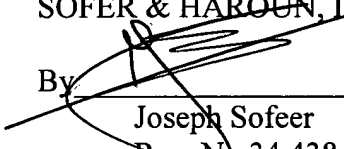
Because the limitations added to claim 1 are already examined and the amendment to claim 4 does not include any matter not already subject to a search by the Examiner, Applicants request that this amendment to the claims after final rejection be entered and that claims 4-7 proceed to issue.

In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 4-7 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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